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Subject
RE: Summary of Discussion of Major Issues for PH HHRA/Comments on Round 2 Report

Dana,

I don't know about a commercial crayfish fishery occurring in the Willamette. There is a small one in the lower Columbia River. It is governed by ODFW, the Oregon Administrative Rules are in the link below. See page 11 for the section on crayfish.

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/05.pdf>

I believe that the person responsible for commercial harvest of crayfish is Michelle Grooms in our Salem office, 503-947-6247.

Matt

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Check it out! <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/shellfish/>

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Matt and Dawn, I had another question related to the Portland Harbor Superfund site. We have heard that there is a commercial fishery for crayfish in the Willamette River. Is this commercial fishery for crayfish governed by the ODFW Fishing Regulations (100 per day, 2 daily limit in possession) or some other regulations? Is there any information as to how extensive crayfish harvesting is in the Portland Harbor Study Area (RM 0 -12), either commercial or non-commercial? Thanks!

Dana Davoli

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I also contacted Oregon Fish and Wildlife regarding corbiculla habitat in the Willamette for any ideas they have about future populations and consumption rates. Mathew Hunter was my contact, and here are his thoughts:

David,

Craig Foster forwarded me your email regarding Willamette River corbicula. I will try to answer the questions I have knowledge about but some of them might not be answerable.

As you know, corbicula is an invasive species (I have included our

agency invasive species coordinator contact below) that is prohibited for take or possession. It is very common in the Columbia River watershed but nearly absent elsewhere in Oregon. They are taken on occasion by some ethnic groups (typically those from southeast Asia). It is the belief that the easy harvest ability of corbicula as well as a language barrier has propagated the problem. The Oregon Department of Agriculture has had concerns in recent years of corbicula being commercially harvested and ending up in markets. This would be a potential issue with FDA that ODA would have to deal with. I have included the ODA contact information below.

I don't know if I can actually give any estimate of the consumption rate as a total. Individually those who harvest tend to harvest a lot of these critters to feed family units. I imagine some consume large quantities but that would be an assumption. The population of corbicula appears to be pretty large at this time. Probably larger than a resource agency wants an invasive species to be so rehabilitating habitat to enhance this species would not be a realistic choice.

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Sorry I couldn't give you much more information. Let me know if you